



# Rutherglen High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 7 and 9 students is held in May each year.**

**This Year it will take place from Tuesday May 11th to Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> May**

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement and assess whether extra assistance they are eligible for extra assistance.

NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

- a 'tailored test' design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- the extension of the 'test window' to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.
- data to assist in analysing whether the student qualifies for extra assistance.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Friday 28th May 2021.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

**If your child is in Year 7, on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> March** they will participate in a state wide coordinated test to familiarise themselves with the online nature of the 2021 NAPLAN. Year 9 students will participate in the readiness testing on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. It is also for VCAA to test the system readiness.

Students can access the National Assessment Platform test site in order to familiarize themselves with the organisation of the papers and the tools available in the Reading, Writing and Conventions of Language Tests and the Numeracy Tests from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March to April 23rd. **Information will also be provided in the 19<sup>th</sup> March Newsletter.**

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

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